

PERMIT FOR DRY GRAINS

262. **Mr. M. O. Thomakutty** (*Commerce and Industry*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) who issues permits to retail merchants for purchasing dry grains either from Government depots or from wholesale dealers;

(b) does not the permit issuing officer verify the stock list before permits are issued;

(c) has the Director of Food Supplies received complaints from retail merchants that on many occasions they do not get the articles as per the Permits granted to them for want of stock and that they are therefore put to unnecessary loss and inconvenience;

(d) what action has the Director of Food Supplies taken to guard against the repetition of such complaints?

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** (*Director of Food Supplies*):

(a) Generally the permits are issued by the Assistant Supply Officers. But in some cases the Field Officers will also issue permits.

(b) Yes.

(c) No such complaints have been received.

(d) Does not arise in view of answer to (c) above.

**M. O. Thomakutty** (*Commerce and Industry*): In reply to subdivision (c) it is stated that no complaints have been received. But I have received a copy of the registered letter sent to the Director of Food Supplies, stating that he had already sent one application. I shall read it.

**Mr. President**: What is this?

**Mr. M. O. Thomakutty** (*Commerce and Industry*): It is a copy of the petition that has already been submitted to the Director of Food Supplies, but the answer given here is "no such complaints have been received".\*

**Mr. President**: The Hon'ble Member should ask the Director of Food Supplies, whether he has seen the original communication.

**Mr. M. O. Thomakutty** (*Commerce and Industry*): The communication was sent by registered anchal.

**Mr. President**: When?

**Mr. M. O. Thomakutty** (*Commerce and Industry*): On 14th Mithunam 1121, more than a month back. I am surprised to hear that the Director of Food Supplies has not yet seen it.

**Mr. President**: This is not the time for the Hon'ble Member to read it.

**Mr. M. O. Thomakutty** (*Commerce and Industry*): It was sent by registered Anchal, Sir.

**Mr. President**: Communications do sometimes go wrong.

**Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe** (*Kunnamkulam*): As far as the permits issued by the Assistant Supply Officers are concerned, is there any other officer to give delivery of these dry grains?

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** (*Director of Food Supplies*): It is delivered by the officers in the Depots.

**Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe** (*Kunnamkulam*): Is there an officer called the Marketing Officer?

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** (*Director of Food Supplies*): Only in the towns of Ernakulam, Mattancheri and Trichur. They are called marketing field officers.

**Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe** (*Kunnamkulam*): Are these permits taken over to the marketing officer before the commodities are taken delivery of?

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** (*Director of Food Supplies*): Sometimes if the articles have to be verified permits have to be taken to him for verification.

**Mr. M. O. Thomakutty** (*Commerce and Industry*): There have been cases where persons taking permits to the Central Depot being told that there was no stock at all. Is not the stock of commodities looked into before issuing permits to the retail merchants?

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** (*Director of Food Supplies*): Generally it does not take place. Indents are passed only after checking the stock.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ് കെ. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: അപ്പോഴപ്പോൾ സ്റ്റോക്കുള്ള സാധനങ്ങളുടെ ഒരു ലിസ്റ്റ് സെൻട്രൽ ഡിപ്പോവിന്റെ മുമ്പിൽ എഴുതി വെയ്ക്കുകതെ?

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** (*Director of Food Supplies*): No, it is not possible.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ് കെ. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: എന്താണു് അതിനുള്ള വിഷയം?

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** (*Director of Food Supplies*): There are registers showing the stocks. Of course, the registers are examined before the indents are passed. There is no need of publishing it on a notice board.

**Mr. Jos K. Varghese** (*Trichur-South*): Not published, but simply written with chalk on the board that such and such things are not in stock.

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** (*Director of Food Supplies*): No, it is not possible.

**Mr. M. O. Thomakutty** (*Commerce and Industry*): People who are coming to Trichur for these goods are not getting the articles as per the permits and they are simply wandering in the streets and returning to their homes disappointed. May I know, whether there is any way to remedy this?

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** (*Director of Food Supplies*): This inconvenience happens only when there is not sufficient stock. Generally we are issuing articles to the retailers for about 2 weeks. But when the stock is low, the quantity will be reduced according to the stock in hand and in such cases necessarily some inconvenience is caused, but that is inevitable.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ് കെ. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: ഈ ഗോഡൗൺ മാനേജരുടെ ഭയയില്ലെങ്കിൽ കച്ചവടക്കാർക്കു വില്പന സാധിക്കുകയല്ലേ?

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** (*Director of Food Supplies*): His kindness is not required.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. ഒ. തോമക്കുട്ടി: മേലിലെങ്കിലും ഈ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകൾക്കിടവരുത്താതെ എന്തെങ്കിലും ഏർപ്പാട് ചെയ്യാൻ കഴിയുമോ?

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** (*Director of Food Supplies*): The insinuation is that at present there is a lot of inconvenience and whether in future things will improve. The answer is that all possible steps are taken to make it convenient for retailers to come and take their stocks and always their convenience is looked into and if improvement is possible that also will be done.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ടി. ജേക്കബ്: സ്റ്റോക്കനുസരിച്ചല്ലെ ഈ ഇൻറൻഡ് കൊടുക്കുന്നതു്?

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** (*Director of Food Supplies*): Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ടി. ജേക്കബ്: അപ്പോൾ അവർ വന്നാൽ സാധനങ്ങൾ കൊണ്ടുപോകാൻ വിഷമമില്ലല്ലോ?

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** (*Director of Food Supplies*): They will not be able to get the actual quantity they require, for example, if the stock is not sufficient to give for two weeks.

**Mr. P. T. Jacob** (*Latin-Christians Mattanheri*): But if a permit is issued, for a specified quantity, will that be received?

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** (*Director of Food Supplies*): Yes.

**Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe** (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know if dry grains for distribution in a particular taluk are not stocked in that taluk itself?

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** (*Director of Food Supplies*): Yes, in the depots of that taluk.

**Mr. P. A. Mohammad Ashrof** (*Cranganur*): What are the dry grains which are available now?

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** (*Director of Food Supplies*): Wheat, that is the main dry grain.

**Mr. P. A. Mohammad Ashrof** (*Cranganur*): Nothing more?

**Mr. M. O. Thomakutty** (*Commerce and Industry*): Then why do the merchants of the Talappalli Taluk come to Trichur for getting permits and making purchases?

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** (*Director of Food Supplies*): They have to get their indents passed, in some cases by field officers. In the Talappalli Taluk there is a depot at Kunnamkulam, another at Chelakkara, and also at Tiruvilwamala, besides the depot at Vadakkancheri. According to their convenience, permits are issued.

**Mr. M. O. Thomakutty** (*Commerce and Industry*): On several occasions, people from Talappalli Taluk have to come to Trichur to get permits. If there is sufficient stock at Talappalli, the articles would have been issued from there itself.

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** (*Director of Food Supplies*): There are some articles which we are not directly dealing with. Of course, we arrange to supply, and for that we direct the officers at Trichur to help them. For that they come to Trichur.

**Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe** (*Kunnamkulam*): Have the Government received any complaint saying that as far as urid (ഉഴുന്ന്) is concerned, the distribution to several taluks is inequitable—more to some taluks and very little to others?

**Rao Sahib M. M. Paul** (*Director of Food Supplies*): I want notice, I don't remember.